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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

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Prior to examining the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

On page 77, line 24, following "central processor 12 over Ethernet network", please delete "32" and insert therefor - - 41 - -.

On page 78, line 7, following "control and data over Ethernet", please delete "32" and insert therefor - - 41 - 4.